

## ***“Are We In The Last Days?”***

**INTRODUCTION:** God is “*in charge*” of governments and history.

- How is our world shaping up for the “*last days*”?

Jesus will “*return*” ... 2 TIMES ... At the “*Rapture*” to take away Christians ... At the end of the “*Tribulation Period*” to set up His “*Millennial Kingdom*”.

- To see what it will be like JUST BEFORE the “*Rapture*”, we need to see what it will be like JUST AFTER the “*Rapture*”.

- Then, we can see how things are “*shaping up*”.

The World will get “*worse and worse*” – 2 Timothy 3:1,13

- The “*Anti-Christ*” will be in opposition to Christ, and promise to “*save*” the World from all its problems.

Be careful about putting a “*name*” to the “*Anti-Christ*” – 1 John 2:18

**2 Thessalonians 2:1-2** – “*perilous times*” – 2 Timothy 3:1

**2:3** – The “*Anti-Christ*” will be given the power of Satan – **2:9**

- He will be indwelt by Satan ... like Judas – Luke 22:3

**2:4** – He will be arrogant, exalting himself as the “*new Messiah*”.

- He will maintain peace with Israel, but break it (Daniel 9:27).

**2:5-6** – God is “*restraining*” the coming of the “*Anti-Christ*”.

**2:7** – The “*mystery of lawlessness*” has always been here – 1 John 3:4

**2:8** – The ultimate end of the “*Anti-Christ*” – Revelation 19:20

**2:9-12** – The “*Anti-Christ*” will have many followers – Rev. 13:8

How will the “*Anti-Christ*” win people over?

1 **BY FLATTERY** – Daniel 11:21 – “*intrigue*” = ‘*smooth*’.

2 **BY RELIGION** – He will use religion to gain power.

- There will be a world-wide ecumenical movement – (Rev. Ch. 17)

1 **BY PEACE** – He will promote World peace, but he will take it away after 3½ years (Rev. 6:2-3).

2 **BY COMMERCE** – The “*False Prophet*” aids the “*Anti-Christ*”.

- He will control the World-wide economy – **Revelation 13:16-18**

The “*False Prophet*” will promote worship of the “*Anti-Christ*”.

- He will perform miracles, even the supposed “*resurrection*” of the “*Anti-Christ*”, 3 days after his assassination. (Revelation Ch.13)

The “*spirit of the Anti-Christ*” is already here – 1 John 4:3-4

**CONCLUSION:** Are you ready?